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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR  
A WOMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to purchase food and beverages for a women's health conference.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or her designee, to purchase food and beverages in an amount not to exceed \$2,000; fully offset by a donation from the Los Angeles (LA) County Commission for Women for the women's health conference entitled "Health + Wellness: Opportunities for Innovation and Engagement". DPH, along with the City of LA Department of Aging, LA County Community and Senior Services, Partners in Care Foundation, and LA County Department of Mental Health will host the conference on April 25, 2016 at The California Endowment.
2. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of DPH, or her designee, to purchase food and beverages for ten (10) future women's health conferences in amounts not to exceed \$2,500 per conference with an estimated 250 invitees; fully offset by donations from the LA County Commission for Women, subject to review and approval by County Counsel.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to purchase food and beverages for the "Health + Wellness: Opportunities for Innovation and Engagement" conference which is anticipated to be a



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four-hour event. A light breakfast that models healthy nutrition will be served to the anticipated 200 participants at the conference. Invited attendees include leaders of nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, and other LA County and LA City agencies.

The goal of the conference is to bring together community leaders to engage in a dialogue about successful models of health engagement at the individual, intergenerational, and community levels, highlighting innovative concepts and practices as well as new technology to improve community health. Best practices will be discussed, with a focus on those that are scalable and replicable for a variety of agencies with different resource capacities.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to purchase food and beverages in amounts not to exceed \$2,500 per event for future women's health conferences to address the increasing health needs of aging women and disparities in women's health in LA County. Future women's health conferences will continue to provide a light breakfast that models healthy nutrition to participants. There will be an estimated 250 invitees per event, which will include leaders of nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, and other LA County and LA City agencies. DPH anticipates ten (10) additional conferences in the Healthy Aging series.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to purchase food and beverages for the "Health + Wellness: Opportunities for Innovation and Engagement" conference to be held on April 25, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000, fully offset by a donation from the LA County Commission for Women, as well as food and beverages for future women's health conferences. There is no net County cost associated with these actions.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In 2007, DPH's Office of Women's Health convened a Summit to launch a large-scale collaborative initiative to address the health disparities that impact women, especially women of color, low-income women, and other underserved populations. Over 400 women's health leaders attended the Summit. To address the Summit's recommendations, several workgroups were formed, one of them being the "Healthy Aging and Social Determinants of Health" workgroup. This workgroup recommended a series of community dialogues or conferences in LA County. The "Health + Wellness: Opportunities for Innovation and Engagement" conference will be the 10th event in the Healthy Aging series.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

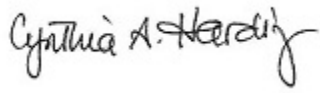
This conference will promote the health and well-being of women throughout LA County.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia A. Harding".

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